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## METHOD OF PREPARING A LACQUER COMPOSITION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A lacquer composition, obtainable by a method comprising the steps of mixing together an organosilane compound and silica particles under basic conditions, wherein a metal alkoxide is added to the reaction mixture.
2. A lacquer composition according according to claim 1, wherein the metal alkoxide is a zirconium alkoxide, an aluminum alkoxide, a titanium alkoxide or a mixture thereof.
3. A lacquer composition according to claim 1, wherein the metal alkoxide comprises a metal diketonate.
4. A lacquer composition according to claim 1, wherein the organosilane compound is an epoxysilane.
5. A lacquer composition according to claim 4, wherein the epoxysilane is 3-glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane.

6. A lacquer composition according to claim 1, wherein at least a second organosilane compound is present.

7. A lacquer composition according to claim 6, wherein the second organosilane compound comprises a tetra-alkoxysilane.

8. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 1 is used.

9. Product provided with a lacquer coating, wherein the lacquer coating is obtained by using the method as claimed in claim 8.

10. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 1, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

Please add new claims 11-24 as follows:

11. A lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein the metal alkoxide comprises a metal diketonate.

12. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 2 is used.

13. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 3 is used.

14. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 3 is used.

15. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 4 is used.

16. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 5 is used.

17. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 6 is used.

18. A Method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 7 is used.

19. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 2, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

20. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 3, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

21. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 4, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

22. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 5, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

23. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 6, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

24. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 7, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

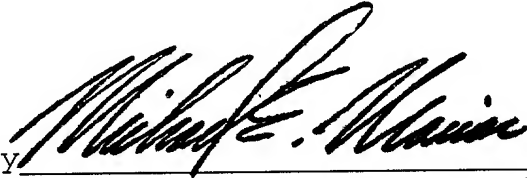
#### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to claims were made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce  
subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the  
prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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## APPENDIX

1. A lacquer composition, obtainable by a method comprising the steps of mixing together an organosilane compound and silica particles under basic conditions, ~~eharaacterized in that~~ wherein a metal alkoxide is added to the reaction mixture.
2. A lacquer composition according according to claim 1, ~~eharaacterized in that~~ wherein the metal alkoxide is a zirconium alkoxide, an aluminum alkoxide, a titanium alkoxide or a mixture thereof.
3. A lacquer composition according to claim 1-~~or~~ 2, ~~eharaacterized in that~~ wherein the metal alkoxide comprises a metal diketonate.
4. A lacquer composition according to claim 1, ~~eharaacterized in that~~ wherein the organosilane compound is an epoxysilane.
5. A lacquer composition according to claim 4, ~~eharaacterized in that~~ wherein the epoxysilane is 3-glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane.
6. A lacquer composition according to claim 1, ~~eharaacterized in that~~ wherein at least a second organosilane compound is present.
7. A lacquer composition according to claim 6, ~~eharaacterized in that~~ wherein the second organosilane compound comprises a tetra-alkoxysilane.
8. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to

the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in ~~claims 1-7~~ claim 1 is used.

9. Product provided with a lacquer coating, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lacquer coating is obtained by using the method as claimed in claim 8.

10. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in ~~any of the claims 1-7~~ claim 1, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

11. A lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein the metal alkoxide comprises a metal diketonate.

12. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 2 is used.

13. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 3 is used.

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16. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 5 is used.

17. A method of applying a lacquer coating to a substrate in which method a lacquer composition is applied to the substrate and cured, thereby forming the lacquer coating, wherein a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 6 is used.

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20. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 3, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

21. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 4, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

22. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 5, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.



23. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 6, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

24. A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition as claimed in claim 7, comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.